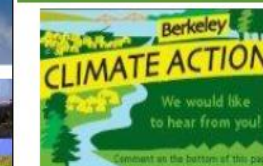


Making Public Health an Important Part of Climate Action Plans



Climate Action, Sustainability, and Adaptation Planning

- * Local jurisdictions (cities and counties) are encouraged to develop GHG emissions inventories and reduction plans under AB 32 Scoping Plan, CEQA and Guidance from the AG's office
- * Some communities are developing CAPS, broader sustainability plans or integrated Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plans
- * Some examples of regional planning:
 - * LA (LARC-LA Regional Action on Climate and Sustainability)
 - * Bay Area (Bay Area Climate and Energy Resilience Project)

Why include Public Health in a Climate Action Plan?

- Climate change is a critical public health issue.
- Existing Public Health conditions intersect in important ways with climate mitigation efforts.
- Health is a strong motivator for action.
- Addressing health inequities is a key focus of Public Health agencies across the state, which intersects in critical ways with climate change impacts on .
- Including health issues in a CAP can promote greater efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and enhance the collaborative nature of local government.

Co-benefits: Transforming climate threat into opportunity for healthier communities

Health and Active Transportation

- * Increased Physical Activity
- * Overweight and obesity

Land Use Planning/Sustainable Communities

- * Increased Physical Activity
- * Connecting housing with amenities, safety

Local Access to Healthy Food

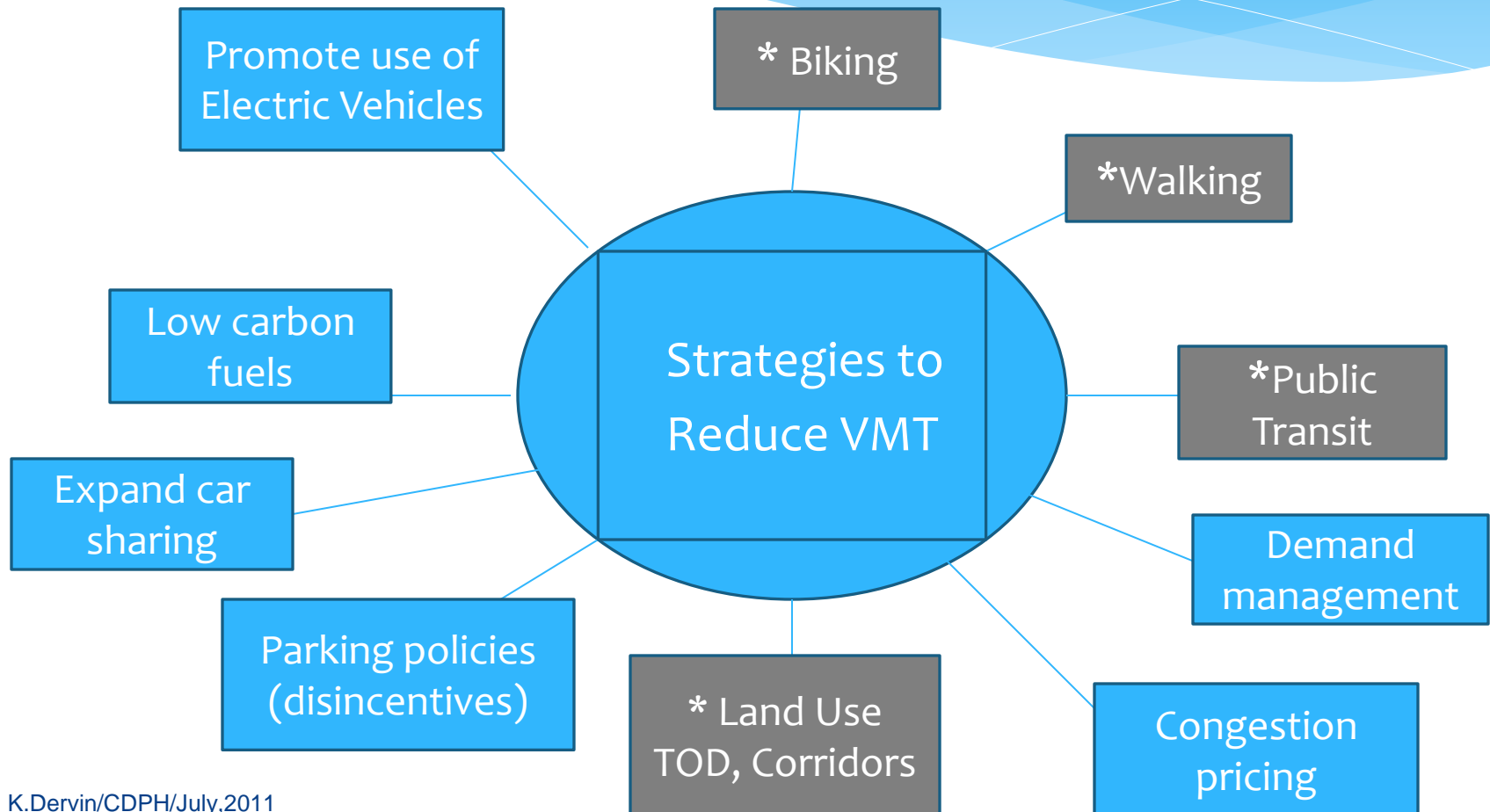
- * Increased local food security

Parks, Urban Greening, and Places to be Active

- * Noise, heat, physical activity, safety, mental health

Maximize Health Co-benefits

(Promote physical activity *while* reducing GHG emissions)



Examples of CAPs with Health Content

- **San Diego Climate Protection Action Plan**
 - Develop and adopt an urban heat island mitigation plan
 - Link GHG reduction efforts with air quality goals
- **Sustainable Long Beach Action Plan**
 - Increase bike ridership 1% to 16% by 2016
 - Establish community gardens in every park over 5 acres by 2020
- **Green Fresno Plan**
 - Promote the public health/environmental benefits of supporting locally grown and organic foods.
- **Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan**
 - Accelerate completion of bike/pedestrian plans
 - Develop urban forestry master plan
 - Remove barriers to renter-occupied energy retrofit programs

Guidance For Making Public Health Part of a Climate Action Plan

- * Voluntary guidance and sample language for local planners and public health staff and organizations
- * Expand on health effects of climate change
- * ID co-benefit areas and discuss how to make connections
- * Provide health resources and data sources
- * Provide examples from existing CAPs
- * Encourage collaboration planning ↔ public health
- * Available ~ Sept, 2011

Resources

Climate Action Planning:

- * Cool California: www.coolcalifornia.org
- * Institute for Local Government: www.ilg.org
- * Local Government Commission: www.lgc.org
- * ICLEI: www.iclei.org

Adaptation Planning:

- * Cal Adapt: www.caladapt.org

